

State of New Jersey
Department of Children and Families
Office of Licensing

License ID: 071000122Complaint # 867

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT

Name of Center: Small Stepz Academy Corporation		
Street: 173 Haledon Avenue		
City: Paterson	State: NJ	Zip: 07522
Director: Jade Evans	Head Teacher: Jessica Guerra	
Phone: (973)956-1778	County: Passaic	

Name of Sponsor/Board President: Small Stepz Academy		
Street: 173 Haledon Avenue		
City: Paterson	State: NJ	Zip: 07522
License Status: Temporary 4/11/2018		
Date Allegation(s) Received: 12/6/2017	Date(s) Investigation Conducted: 12/11/2017	

ALLEGATIONS	FINDINGS	RESULTS
1. The center is not meeting the needs of the child: After being informed of a named child's food allergy, the center provided the named child food that contained the known allergen, causing a slight allergic reaction.	1. At the time of the investigation, the needs of the children were met throughout the center, including during meal time. Interviews with the sponsor and staff however revealed that the named child had a known milk allergy and was fed food products containing whole milk. The child developed a rash from ingesting the food as a result. Further interviews revealed that when the child was enrolled, a named staff did log the child's allergy in the child's records, but failed to verbally inform the child's caregivers. The child's caregivers did not review the records and were unaware of the allergy. The center needs to ensure that the needs of the child are met at all times, including following children's special health care needs and ensuring that this information is communicated with the designated staff.	<u>1. Substantiated</u>

Observation at the center revealed that the center:

Is free of imminent hazards/risk of harm: Yes Has adequate supervision: Yes
Meets staff/child ratio requirements: Yes Is operating within licensed capacity: Yes

As a result of this inspection 3 violation(s) applicable to the allegations were cited and 1 additional violation(s) was cited.

Inspector(s) name(s) and title(s):

Sharonda Clark, Child Care Quality Assurance Inspector 1